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In follow up to our action late yesterday - we issued this statement.

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EPA Statement

EPA is approving an aquifer exemption submitted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a portion of the Goliad Aquifer in Goliad County, TX. Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, a state must issue a Class III Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit and receive an exemption from the EPA to mine in a fresh water aquifer. After a comprehensive review, and a reduction in the area proposed for exemption, EPA determined the state's request meets the scientific and technical criteria necessary to grant today's approval. TCEQ will oversee groundwater monitoring during mining and restoration activities as required under TCEQ's Class III UIC permit to ensure activities in the

exempted area do not impact current sources of drinking water outside the exempted area.

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